

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Jo Ellen Craze and the Soddy Daisy High School Cheerleaders on winning the 2002 National Cheerleader Association Small Varsity National Championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Soddy Daisy High School cheerleading program is renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and a squad of remarkably competitive stature in the world of high school sports; and

WHEREAS, The Soddy Daisy cheerleaders achieved a notable level of success during the 2002 season; and

WHEREAS, Competing in the oldest and largest cheerleading competition in the United States, the National Cheerleader Association Senior and Junior High School Championship, the Soddy Daisy Trojans prevailed over 44 teams to secure the national title in the Small Varsity

division of this event, showcasing true athleticism and the spirit of constructive sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, In their two minute and 15 second routine, the cheerleaders performed an incredible five standing tucks, a round-off tuck, four elite tumbling passes, three elite stunts, and four jumps, all while cheering and dancing; and

WHEREAS, Finishing fourth in preliminary competition and advancing to the finals, the Trojans performed a virtually flawless routine, achieving a score of 8.93 and overpowering the defending national champions; and

WHEREAS, The members of the team have proven themselves exceptional artists and athletes, placing among the top three squads in the national rankings for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, The Soddy Daisy Trojans enjoyed success throughout the season, placing first in the Small Varsity division at the Universal Cheerleader Association Volunteer Regional, earning second place honors at the TSSAA State Cheerleading Competition, and finishing first in its division and second in overall competition at the Chattanooga Open; and

WHEREAS, Team members include Tina Ball, Amanda Bell, Casey Carpenter, Rachel Dickey, Kaci Dupree, Maegan Gibbs, Lyndsey Gravitte, Ashley Hill, Amanda Mansfield, Madison Mickel, Ashley Nickols, Samantha Robinson, Brittany Smith, Whitney Smith, Lindsay Walker, Miranda Wasmer, and Stefanie Wittler; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jo Ellen Craze laid the groundwork for the national championship by sharing with the young women on the squad her substantial knowledge of cheerleading and her passion both for the sport of cheerleading and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Principal Robert Smith and Athletic Director Glen Ryan contributed considerably to the team's success by most willingly lending their support to the cheerleading program; and

WHEREAS, The cheerleaders at Soddy Daisy High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, They have inspired the student body and united the entire Soddy Daisy community while completing their triumphal run during this championship season; and

WHEREAS, The perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship cheerleading season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Soddy Daisy Cheerleaders for winning the National Cheerleader Association Small Varsity National Championship and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Jo Ellen Craze and the Soddy Daisy High School Cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve and their extraordinary National Championship in NCA competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.